



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 6745

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Offered by:

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To: House Joint Resolution No. 36

File No. 44

Cal. No. 421

**"RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE
CONSTITUTION TO GRANT INCREASED AUTHORITY TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING ELECTION
ADMINISTRATION."**

1 After line 91, insert the following:

2 "That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
3 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
4 manner provided by the Constitution, shall to all intents and purposes,
5 become a part thereof:

6 Sec. 501. Article twenty-fourth of the amendments to the
7 Constitution is amended to read as follows:

8 Section 5 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 In all elections of officers of the state, or members of the general
11 assembly, the votes of the electors shall be by ballot, either written or
12 printed, except that voting machines or other mechanical devices for
13 voting may be used in all elections in the state, under such regulations
14 as may be prescribed by law. No voting machine or device used at any
15 state or local election shall be equipped with a straight ticket device.
16 The right of secret voting shall be preserved, provided active duty
17 military personnel stationed overseas may waive such right if such
18 personnel choose to return an absentee or military ballot by any
19 method permitted under state law.

20 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
21 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
22 elected at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014, and
23 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
24 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014,
25 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
26 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
27 amendment to be used on ballots at such election shall be "Shall the
28 Constitution of the State be amended to allow active duty military
29 personnel stationed overseas to waive their right to have a secret
30 ballot?""